

FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

January 10, 2020

Hillary Hecht SDWA/FWRA Enforcement Section U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 75 Hawthorne Street (ENF-3-3) San Francisco, California 94105

Reference:

PW ID No.:

0400106

Docket No.:

PWS-AO-2018-6001

Dear Ms. Hecht:

This quarterly progress report is being submitted in accordance to our Compliance Plan for Arsenic submitted on January 3, 2019 in accordance with the Conditional Approval of Compliance Plan on May 7, 2019. Our previous submitted Compliance Plan included the "HAMP Milestone Schedule – August 2018" and our most recent Arsenic test results from September 12, 2017 thru December 11, 2018.

The Conditional Approval of Compliance Plan included FMCV's commitment to support the HAMP Milestone Schedule and letter approvals of pipeline, storage tanks, booster stations and archeological reviews. We have not received updated information on the letter we received from the Indian Health Service dated March 22, 2019 requesting environmental clearances. Prior to this letter, we reported that the Indian Health requested a meeting with FMCV on the proposed lines and areas requiring the clearances. Verbal approvals were granted by our Village Leadership and we have since been waiting on the official documents for final approval signatures. This letter will again state that FMCV continues to support the HAMP.

We are unaware if the HAMP Milestone is on schedule since we are not involved with daily administrative activities and especially not having authority with the Hopi Utility Incorporation. I tried to bring this up prior to the Compliance Plan because it is our village that must adhere to the HAMP completion to become in compliance with EPA mandates. We as villages are subject to enforcement action, not the Hopi Tribe, since we own the water systems.

We are not involved in the progress of HAMP to have me confirm that HAMP is on schedule. On our last quarterly report, I included entering the Hopi Tribal Council meeting on June 25, 2019

POST OFFICE BOX 260 POLACCA, ARIZONA 86042 TELEPHONE: (928) 737-2670 FAX: (928) 737-2347 when the Hopi Utilities Incorporation was presenting a resolution for approval. This resolution was to continue the progress of the HAMP. I requested to speak in support of the approval but was not recognized by the Presiding Officer. This is an example of how we are not being included in the workings of HAMP but mandated by all of you to report on our support of the HAMP.

We are in discussions to convert our water services to Navajo Tribal Utility Authority and scheduled a meeting with their executives this month, January 2020. We recommend this site visit to develop an immediate takeover schedule. We must also discuss filters at our well sites to immediately satisfy Arsenic Requirements. If HAMP will take years, NTUA may consider connecting us to their water line from Jeddito Community 5 miles from Keams Canyon 15 miles to our community. This water is from Ganado Wells on the Navajo Nation which was made possible by approval of rights-of-way approved by the Hopi Tribe at the time I was Tribal Chairman. This connection currently serves our First Mesa Community of Spider Mound located on the Hopi Partitioned Lands. We can not allow years of waiting which is jeopardizing the health of our people. I am sure we will have your support for immediate arsenic compliance support and for reducing of health risks.

In the interim I will continue to request updated reports to our village on the progress of HAMP and especially if the project is on schedule. We plan to again request the documents to formally approve all rights-of-ways, etc. We are requesting the most recent reports on testing of arsenic.

Contact me at any time for questions.

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Village Administrator

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FMCV Traditional Leaders

FMCV Attorney

Hopi Tribal Chairman

Hopi Tribal Vice Chairman

Tim Bodell, HUC

Jacob Hess, IHS

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PWSIDNO: 090400106
For Violation: [describe violation or situation]
Occurring on: [insert date]
The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in [regulatory citation].
☐ ☐ Consultation with primacy agency (if required) on [insert date].
Notice distributed by [insert method] on [insert date] Mail & Hand Delivered & Email 01/08/2020
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☐ Content - required elements.
Signature of Operator Signature of Operator Date Da

Detection Summary

Client: Mohave Environmental Laboratory

Project/Site: First Mesa Consolidated Villages (55363)

Job ID: 550-134754-1

Client Sample ID: EP001-Well #5/West Well (55363-01)

Lab Sample ID: 550-134754-1

AnalyteResultQualifierRLUnitDil FacDMethodPrep TypeArsenic0.0150.0010mg/L1200.8Total/NA

Client Sample ID: EP002-Well #8 East Well (55363-02)

Lab Sample ID: 550-134754-2

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 Result
 Qualifier
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 Arsenic
 0.019
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 Total/NA

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This Detection Summary does not include radiochemical test results.

Eurofins TestAmerica, Phoenix

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